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Cc: Kovar, Jeffrey D; Robinson, Brooks A; Barton, Paula J; Lubetkin, Wendy C; Wilbur, Richard M; Denig, Paul; DePirro, Velia M; [REDACTED] Witten, Samuel M
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The conference call number is 202-647-0187. The dial in PIN will be 7965. I would suggest that Magda or Wendy get on the call early, and ask that each reporter identify themselves as they get on the line so we have a comprehensive list of who's on. Once the call begins, Matt should make a brief opening remark, and then we should move to questions. We'll be relying on Magda or Wendy to moderate, and to devise a system so questions are asked in some semblance of order (if this group is as docile as the one in Geneva this won't be an issue).

Let me know if anyone needs further information on how this will work.

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Magda,

That sounds like a good plan.

Tom/Vijay,

Does PA have facilities for this kind of call or do we need to work this through the State operations center? Vijay: once we agree on a time, could you set it up and send us all a message with the call-in number?

It is possible that a core team might want to sit in the same room during the call, but I already know that Mark Lagon and I will need to call in from out of Washington.

Regarding timing, as we don't yet know exactly when the Committee will be giving us the advance draft Cs and Rs, we probably should not set it up before 8. I would lean toward 9-10, but 8-9 would also work. Matt, Mark, and Sandy: do you have a preference?

Lynn and Erica,

Would DRL like to be on the call? Even if you don't talk (and you certainly could help Mark with the nice part of our discussion on the importance of these mechanisms, etc.), your participation would send a good signal.

Thanks to all (especially Mark who is graciously helping us during a family weekend. For that reason, I think he holds the trump card in fixing the time of the call.)

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Subject: RE: ICCPR Report: A busy Thursday awaits us

Hi Bob,

Just a quick note to say Wendy and I would be happy to work with you on this.

My recommendation would be to send out a release from here to key media (same as roundtable briefing we organized during your last visit with some additions), and give them a phone number to call in State (do you have that?) and name of briefers and window (one hour should suffice, and the earlier on Friday - your time- the better and no later than 9 am Wash. time otherwise we'll miss the opportunity to get our viewpoint into the press coverage). We also need to alert them today (by noon your time) that we're setting this up.

Let me know if this jibes with what you had in mind. To follow, best, M.

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Dear ICCPR followers:

The UN secretariat informed us that the Committee is behind schedule in producing its draft conclusions and recommendations. It sounds like we may not receive anything until sometime this afternoon Washington time. This obviously compresses our schedule. Jeff Kovar, Vijay Padmanabahn and I will keep you informed. Early clearance on the guidance today with the blanks to be filled in today/tonight would be helpful.

Thanks.

Bob

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Subject: ICCPR Report: A busy Thursday awaits us

If you are in the "To" line, I am requesting action from you.

In this message I address State Department press guidance on the Human Rights Committee's soon to be received "Conclusions and Recommendations" on the US report on its implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and media outreach to Geneva press who are likely to report on those Conclusions.

1. Press Guidance.

Although the C&Rs won't be released until Friday morning in Geneva, the UN Secretariat promised that we would receive an advance draft on Thursday morning. Jeff Kovar will send the text to the addressees on this message as soon as he receives it. As we will have the morning to review it, we are requesting agency and State clearances on this guidance by noon tomorrow. Please send you edits to me and to Vijay Padmanabhan.

In addition to the guidance, it would be helpful if each agency provided a short list of the conclusions and recommendations in its area of responsibility that it considers to be erroneous. As we may want to highlight particular errors in the conclusions, it would be useful if agencies would describe flaws in the Cs and Rs.

2. State phone call with Geneva press

Matt Waxman, Mark Lagon, Sandy Hodgkinson and I are prepared to make ourselves available to talk to the Geneva press about our reactions to the Conclusions and Recommendations. It is likely that we would do this on Friday.

Brooks,

We are happy to work with a schedule you provide. I have spoken with Matt and Mark Lagon about this. As a matter of efficiency, the approach we took in Geneva of doing a single briefing would be preferable. If we could arrange a call-in number, that would be ideal so that people could participate wherever they might be.

Thanks to all of you for your continuing efforts. We have almost completed our work on this.

Bob